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Honorable Hugh Scott
Minority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Scott:

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Thinking of my statutory responsibilities, and of my responsibility to the Nation and my successor in office, I implore you to seek a wise and responsible resolution of this matter.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

W. E. Colby
Director

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